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In re Application of:  
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Title: PORTABLE NETWORKING  
INTERFACE METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR DISTRIBUTED  
SWITCHING SYSTEM

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 25, 2003 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 25, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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